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'Love your neighbour as yourself.'
Luke 10:27

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Over the last few weeks the Headteacher, the Governing Board and all staff members have been working hard on several fronts and we have some updates for you.

Keyworker and vulnerable provision

From the beginning of this week we have increased our provision of emergency childcare for keyworkers and vulnerable children from 45 to 90 children. These children have all satisfied the keyworker or vulnerable child criteria and are looked after in bubbles of no more than 15, in line with social distancing guidelines. This has been a logistical challenge, which we have worked hard to meet according to stringent criteria. Although many of the features of classroom layout have changed, as well as new staggered break times, it has been reassuring to see that the children are still smiling and adapting to a new situation.

Enhanced online provision

Now that online staff training is updated, including the appropriate safeguarding and GDPR training required, this week we have started to develop our use of google classrooms as well as our own YouTube channel to enhance the delivery of learning. Following a successful start with Years 5 and 6 we will continue to rollout the use of Google Classroom to Year 2, 3, and 4. Year 1 and Reception will continue to use Tapestry as this is already working well with the younger children. We thank you for your patience and understanding during this process, as there are always a few technical challenges during set up, however, it was wonderful to see the children's faces and speak to them again in the class 'meet ups.' As each year group is preparing for increased online interaction they are sending online safety protocols that we need you and your child to understand and stick to. In addition, we have started our third round of telephone calls since lockdown and we have appreciated speaking to you and your child about your experiences of online learning, as well as your child's wellbeing.

Wider school opening

As shared in the previous letter we are working towards wider school opening starting with Year 6 on Monday 15th June. A week before each year group is due to return we will issue a survey to gauge numbers of children which will inform the plan for the return, the classrooms we use and our ongoing risk assessments.

Finally, we would like to express our thanks for the many positive comments our staff have received through phone calls and messages, expressions of thanks and gifts of chocolate etc. Your kindness and compassion have kept us going and put smiles on our faces through an incredibly challenging time.

Yours sincerely,

Neil Le Feuvre

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